



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
1301 CONSTITUTION AVE, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

**DATE:** September 12, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-THT-0043

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** Unidentified Person Sent an Inappropriate Email to the EPA Administrator

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Unknown	N/A

**ALLEGATION(S):**

On October 11, 2017, an inappropriate email was sent to Scott Pruitt, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), from an unidentified person using the email address of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @gmail.com. The email correspondence to the EPA Administrator contained language which was laced in profanity, with one of the sentences stating "You should be shot and fed to the Salmon."

**FINDING(S):**

OI conducted open source queries to determine the identity of the person who sent the email. These efforts were met with negative results.

The Office of Counsel, OIG, EPA, Washington, DC, reviewed the verbiage in the potential threat (b) (5)

**DISPOSITION:** Inconclusive. Closed.

The United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, was not consulted, as (b) (5).

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.



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**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-THT-0042

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** Unidentified Person Sent an Inappropriate Email to the EPA Administrator

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Unknown	N/A

**ALLEGATION(S):**

On September 26, 2017, an inappropriate email was sent to Scott Pruitt, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), from an unidentified person using the email address of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @gmail.com. The email correspondence to the EPA Administrator contained language which was laced in profanity and included a phone number, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

**FINDING(S):**

OI conducted open source queries to determine the identity of the person who sent the email. These efforts were met with negative results.

The Office of Counsel, OIG, EPA, Washington, DC, reviewed the verbiage in the potential threat (b) (5).

**DISPOSITION:** Inconclusive. Closed.

The United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, was not consulted, as OIG Counsel (b) (5).

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.



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**DATE:** September 6, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2017-THT-0148

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Unknown	N/A

**ALLEGATIONS:**

The Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a referral from the OIG Hotline. A review of the referral revealed that someone using the Twitter handle of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) "scott pruit," to which someone using the Twitter handle of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) replied, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) " This information was first discovered by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Criminal Investigative Division, EPA, in advance of Administrator Scott Pruitt's scheduled official trip to Australia. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) indicated that the emails stemmed from an Australian Twitter account.

**FINDINGS:**

OI conducted open source queries, which revealed that the Twitter handle of @ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may belong to private citizen (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Per Wikipedia, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

OI consulted with Office of Counsel, OIG, EPA, who opined that the statement (b) (5)

**DISPOSITION:** Inconclusive. Closed.

The United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, declined prosecution of this investigation based upon the facts presented.

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.



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**DATE:** September 12, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-THT-0029

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** Pro-ISIS Video Publishes (b) (7)(F) Video Threatening to Kill U.S. Government Employees

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	EPA Headquarters; EPA Regions 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10	N/A

**ALLEGATION(S):**

On December 20, 2017, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), received a case referral from the EPA Office of Homeland Security (OHS). (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) OHS learned of the existence of a credibly vetted video posted on a pro-Islamic State website. This video called upon and threatened to murder United States government employees, and the names of these employees had been sent to lone wolf terrorists within the United States to act upon. (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(F)

(b) (7)(E) This case was opened to notify the EPA employees of this matter.

**FINDING(S):**

(b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(F) OI also notified the (b) (7)(E) of the matter.

**DISPOSITION:** Inconclusive. Closed.

The United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, was not consulted, as this case was opened to make notifications to the potential victims.

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.



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NEW YORK, NY 10007

DATE: August 9, 2018

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-AR-2016-ADM-0036

CROSS REFERENCE #: COMP-2015-150

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GS-15, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
EPA, WASHINGTON, DC

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Washington, DC	

POTENTIAL VIOLATION(S):

1. 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702 – Use of public office for private gain
2. 5 C.F.R. § 2635.703 – Use of nonpublic information

ALLEGATION:

On July 23, 2015, the Washington Field Office, Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Arlington, VA initiated this complaint based on EPA OIG Hotline 2014-274. A conflict of interest was alleged between (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) previously worked with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at EPA and after (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) retired (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained a consulting position (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The complaint alleged the possibility of undue influence by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) over (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); as well as the possibility that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) somehow influenced the contractor resulting in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) consulting position. During the course of this investigation preliminary information was developed to suggest (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may have improperly forwarded an official EPA email to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

FINDINGS:

Multiple interviews and records reviews were conducted which did not develop sufficient information to suggest (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) violated 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702 or 5 C.F.R. § 2635.703.

On December 14, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA, Washington, DC was interviewed. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)

the only potential issue (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) noted concerned the forwarding of the email to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that a supervisor cannot accept volunteer services to assist with governmental work. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added, however, that there was the possibility it may have been sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) by mistake.

**DISPOSITION:** Not Supported; Closed

Based on coordination with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), sufficient information was not developed to suggest (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) violated 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702 – Use of public office for private gain. As the single occurrence of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) forwarding an email containing unclassified EPA information to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not appear to further a financial transaction or further any private interests; as it occurred over five years ago; and as no information was developed to suggest further coordination between (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) concerning this email had occurred, sufficient information was not developed to suggest (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) violated 5 C.F.R. § 2635.703 – Use of nonpublic information. As it is believed continued investigation would not be in the best interests of the government, this investigation is closed in this office.





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DATE: AUGUST 28,2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-AT-2015-CAC-0064

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: ROBBINS, BARBARA

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Barbara Ann Robbins	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	DOB: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

VIOLATION(S):

Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees, 18 U.S.C. §111

ALLEGATION:

On February 8, 2017, an announcement was made over the public address system of the Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center (SNAFC) advising of an "incident" on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor. The announcement reported that the incident was "under control," but requested building occupants to stay out of the area until further notice. EPA-OIG Special Agents (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) responded to the area to assess the situation. Upon arrival on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) observed numerous Federal Protective Service (FPS) Uniformed Officers and Agents within the EPA reception area. FPS reported that a FPS contract security officer was involved in a physical confrontation in the EPA reception area with Barbara Robbins, a visitor to SNAFC. It was decided that the incident would be investigated jointly by FPS and EPA-OIG.

FINDINGS:

Evidence collected during this investigation established that Robbins was involved in a dispute with Paragon Security officers when she entered the EPA Region 4 reception area on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the SNAFC wanting to use the EPA library. ROBBINS refused to sign-in and provide identification as requested. Robbins was loud and her demeanor argumentative. Robbins was asked by EPA personnel to leave EPA space, but refused. A Paragon Security Officer (PSO) was called to the scene to assist in removing Robbins. Paragon Security was the FPS Contractor providing security services to SNAFC. Robbins got into a physical altercation with the PSO. During the struggle, Robbins removed the PSO's weapon from its holster and fired a single round before being subdued. While several EPA employees were present in the area, none were involved in the physical confrontation. No injuries were sustained. Robbins was taken into

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custody, but refused to provide a statement when questioned. That night, Robbins transported to the Fulton County (GA) Jail for temporary housing.

**DISPOSITION:**

On February 9, 2017, a criminal complaint was filed in the Norther District of GA (NDGA) charging Robbins with one count of assaulting a federal officer/employee in violation of 18 U.S.C. §111. Robbins' preliminary hearings were held before Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Linda Walker. At this hearing, Robbins mental competency was brought into question and Walker ordered Robbins held without bond and bound over into the custody of the US Marshal's Service.

On February 22, 2017, a true bill indictment was issued in the NDGA charging Robbins with 1 count of assaulting a federal officer/employee, 18 U.S.C. §111.

On February 28, 2017, Robbins was arraigned before U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Baverman. Following the arraignment, the Government filed a motion requesting a psychiatric examination of Robbins. Subsequently, Robbins was determined to be incompetent to stand trial and remanded for psychiatric treatment.

On August 16, 2018, Robbins was restored to competency and returned to the NDGA for disposition of the pending criminal charges.

On August 21, 2018, Robbins pleaded guilty assaulting a federal officer/employee. Robbins was sentenced to time served (18 months, 14 days) and assessed a \$25 assessment fee

This concluded all pending actions associated with this investigation. This investigation will be closed.



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**DATE:** AUGUST 28, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-BO-2017-CAC-0093

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SOUTH PORTLAND, ME (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**VIOLATIONS:**

Title 18 U.S.C. § 876

Mailing Threatening Communications

Title 18 U.S.C. § 111

Assaulting, Resisting, Impeding or Intimidating Certain Officers or Employees

**ALLEGATIONS:**

The Boston Field Office, Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Boston, MA initiated an investigation based upon an unsolicited email from an individual who identified (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov) wishing then Administrator Scott Pruitt, EPA, die a painful death.

**FINDINGS:**

Upon review of the email, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wished then Administrator Pruitt die a painful and horrible death through poisoning. Although the email wished for then Administrator Pruitt's death,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not state or imply (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wanted to personally harm Pruitt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

**DISPOSITION:**

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This case was not presented to the U.S. Attorney' Office, District of Maine, for prosecutorial consideration as (b) (7)(E), (b) (5) . With the recent resignation of then Administrator Scott Pruitt and no new information indicating a potential threat, this case will be closed at this time.

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1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200  
DALLAS, TX 75202

DATE: August 8, 2018

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-DA-2018-ADM-0035

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), San Antonio, Texas

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	San Antonio, Texas	

**COMPLAINT:** This investigation was initiated on January 4, 2018 based upon a visit to Region 6 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Dallas, Texas by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). During the visit, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported allegations of fraud associated with the cleanup and closure of a superfund site located in Florida.

**BACKGROUND:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) claimed to have personal knowledge of the aforementioned site after having (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) working on the site. Further, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) alleged (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was being retaliated against through the publication of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in the Dallas Business Journal as part of two contract values for prime contracts awarded to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) former employer. Upon leaving that position, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained a position with the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), a position (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) vacated voluntarily after being disciplined by management who allegedly attempted to bribe (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Finally, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) alleged (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was being retaliated against by numerous individuals including President Trump. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) asserted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had filed a complaint with the EPA Hotline and had visited the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) office in Houston, Texas.

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Special Agent (SA), EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Dallas Field Office contacted SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), FBI, Houston, Texas, who reported (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had not only visited the Houston Field Office but also visited the FBI office located in San Antonio, Texas. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

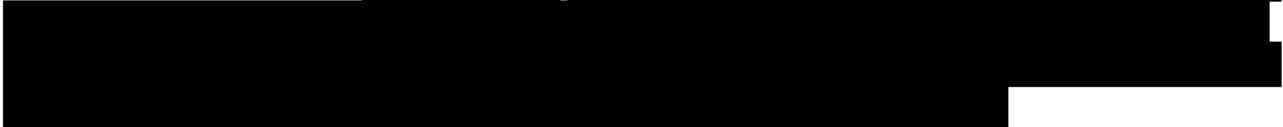
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Further, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) learned (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had been a regular correspondent of the EPA Hotline with numerous incoherent and bizarre letters and emails (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had previously been involuntarily committed for psychiatric evaluation as a result of an unmedicated bi-polar episode. SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reviewed the information associated with the superfund site as well as the allegations of bribery (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). All allegations reviewed were unfounded. Based upon the nature of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) correspondence and the escalation of behavior in an event to be (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) was provided a final letter of contact informing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the information related to the allegations of fraud at the Superfund Site as

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well as the alleged bribe by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)



**RECOMMENDATION:** No further investigative activity is warranted and as such, it is recommended this case be closed.





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**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0115

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OIG

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** N/A

**PREPARED BY:** Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY**  
**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

**ALLEGATION:**

On June 5, 2017, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG) hotline received an email from Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Office of Investigations, OIG, EPA. The email revealed that SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received a telephone call from a private telephone number, in which the caller alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA, was engaging in time and attendance fraud. The anonymous caller stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is not available during core hours and has been on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for eight (8) months.

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:**

Based upon the investigation, the allegation that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) committed time and attendance fraud is unsupported. The second allegation, that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) improperly submitted and attested hours in PeoplePlus, is inconclusive.

From approximately October (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2016 to May (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) teleworked in a full-time capacity without the appropriate telework agreement in place. Second, from May (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2017, to June (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) failed to follow established leave procedures by not providing requisite documentation per EPA Manual 3165, Chapter 3 prior to departing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). These issues were provided to management.

**CASE:**  
OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0115

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
N/A

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
May 31, 2018

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
May 31, 2018

**AGENT(S):**  
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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On December 8, 2017, the Office of Investigations presented the facts of the investigation to Assistant United States Attorney Virginia Cheatham, District of Columbia, Fraud and Public Corruption Section for prosecutorial merit which was subsequently declined.

On April 9, 2018, OI presented a Final Summary Report of the investigation to Kevin Christensen, Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation (AIGA), OIG, EPA. On May 18, 2018, AIGA Christensen notified SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that no disciplinary action would be required.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure with no further action.

**CASE:**  
OI-HQ-2017-ADM-0115

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
N/A

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
May 31, 2018

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
May 31, 2018

**AGENT(S):**  
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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